

SYLLABUS

PLP 2015 September 1-October 23

ITL 101 I

Intensive Elementary Italian

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Schedule

15 hours a week

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9:00 12:00

Tues 13:00 -16:00

Occasional visits in town for general orientation.

Aims of the Course

Intended for students with no previous structured study of Italian.

The objective of the course is to help students gain a command of Italian language sufficient to allow them to function efficiently on a daily basis in Italian society; i.e. to express themselves correctly in conversation, comprehend films and newspapers to gain an insight into Italian lifestyle and contemporary culture. The method adopted will be intense practice in the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Class Calendar

Week 1:Unit 1; Week 2:Unit 2; Week 3: Unit 3; Week 4: Unit 4; Week 5: Unit 5; week 6 : Units 6 & 7; Week 7:Units 7 & 8 ;**Week 8:** Mon., Oct. 19, last day of class; oral exams Oct. 20 – 22, final exam Oct. 23.
NOTE: There is a mandatory weekly test every Friday during PLP.

PLEASE NOTE:

° On **Friday, Sept.18**, due to a CSU field trip, **your weekly test will take place at 9 am sharp.**

Departure for the field trip will be at 10:30 am.

°On **Monday, Oct. 12**, there is **NO CLASS**, due to a CSU field trip to Milano/Torino.

All students are required to attend the CSU field trips.

Grading

Attendance (more than two unexcused absences will lower the grade), punctuality, outside assignments and class participation 20%, weekly tests on Friday 40%, written and oral final exams 40%.

A 100-94, A- 93-90; B+ 89-87, B 86-84, B- 83-80, C+ 79-77, C 76-74, C- 73-70,
D+ 69-67, D 66-64, D- 63-60, F 59-0.

20, 21, 22 October: oral exams

23 October: written exam

Dates of exams cannot be changed to adjust to student's individual needs.

General basis for grading: 1-results of the weekly exams and the final exam, 2 class participation; 3- attendance; 4- outside assignments.

Bibliography – Required Textbook

Mazzetti A., Falcinelli M., Servadio B., *Qui Italia: Lingua e Grammatica*, I livello, Le Monnier (units from 1 to 8), € 25,40; Mazzetti A., Falcinelli M., Servadio B., *Qui Italia: Quaderno di Esercitazioni Pratiche*, Le Monnier (units from 1 to 8), € 14,90;

Medaglia C., *La Casa sulla Scogliera*, CIDEB, Imparare Leggendo (chapt. 1 to 4 included). €8

On a regular basis, additional material will be provided to each student by the instructor in class.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Italian Language students

RE: ATTENDANCE POLICY

FROM: The Italian Language Department

Attendance to these courses is mandatory and more than two unexcused absences will lower the grade (excused absences will be accepted for serious medical reasons or serious emergencies).

More than **five unexcused absences** will result in failure of the course.

In order not to disrupt the class, punctuality is required. Students are expected to be in class at the beginning of the class hour; any delay exceeding ten minutes will be considered an absence.

During the academic year photocopies and other material will be distributed in class by the instructors. Students who have not been in class are responsible for getting the material from their classmates and making their own photocopies. All assigned homework should be completed prior to entering the class.

Use of the computer in class is restricted to oral presentations.

The language spoken in class is Italian. No other activities such as eating, etc. are allowed.

Dates of exams can not be changed for individual needs. Students should take note of the dates and hours of the midterm and final exams and plan their trips after the last exam. It is important to tell friends and relatives about this so they do not surprise you by buying tickets for you for trips to be made before that date. Missing the midterm or the final exam will mean failure of the course.

Remember that during the PLP there are weekly exams every Friday from 10:00 – 12:00, students missing that exam will receive an F.

The completion during the PLP of one of the Italian Language courses ITL101 I, ITL102 I, ITL201 I or 301 I is prerequisite for admission to Italian classes in the Fall Semester. The completion of two of the Fall Semester Italian courses is prerequisite for admission to Italian classes in the Spring Semester.

Incompletes will be allowed only for serious emergencies and must be completed within two weeks.

Professors are available, by prior appointment, for short clarifications and explanations, during office hours.